

DODGE CITY/FORT DODGE/CIMARRON CHAPTER  
OF THE  
SANTA FE TRAIL ASSOCIATION  
DODGE CITY, KANSAS 67801  
MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER



**Our next Chapter meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 22, at Boot Hill Museum in the conference room at 2:00 pm. You will be able to park up behind and enter through the rear door of the Great Western Hotel by ringing the bell. Refreshments will be served.**

We will have a business meeting where you will be updated on the happenings of the SFTA Board of Directors meeting I attended in Council Grove March 28-29. We heard reports from the various committees and chapter reports. The Board voted to approve the Douglas County Chapter as the newest chapter of the SFTA. We also heard a report from the National Park Service and their budget has been increased \$560,000 for administration of the Santa Fe Trail. Sharon Brown has been appointed to fill the position vacated when John Conoboy retired. She reported that the National Parks Service Centennial will be held in 2016. Ross Marshall reported that in 2007, the SFTA reported 47,000 man hours. This is equivalent to \$884,000 at the 2007 hourly rate. It is important for each Chapter to keep track of our time spent for our Chapter. Sharon Brown led the group through the SFTA Strategic Plan on the 29<sup>th</sup> to point out the progress achieved and changes necessary to update the plan.

**Following our business meeting, we will all move to the Santa Fe Trail Ruts West of Dodge City for a site visit to view the ruts and discuss their significance.**

Please bring a friend or two who is interested in the history of the Trail and might consider joining our Chapter and the SFTA .

Remember, dues for 2008 if you have not yet paid. Please bring the following form and \$15 for family or \$10 for individual to the meeting or mail them to:

Treasurer Dixie Oringderff  
1903 Burr Parkway  
Dodge City, KS 67801

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_